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SPOTLIGHT ON POLONIA

By REX BENSON

Polonia is a relatively new club to Victorian soccer, its formation being due entirely to the post-war influx of new settlers from the land which has given the club its name.

The possibility of forming such a national side had been mooted in 1949 among those ex-D.P's arriving in Australia, who had played soccer against each other, either in camps or the occupation zones. At first, of course, keen to get a game, some like Zblocki were already playing for established clubs in Victoria.

In 1950 the club was registered, as yet not in a league, and equipped, the original president being Mr. Zabuski, a war-time naval officer. They played one game that shocked the pundits meeting the "Kangaroos", who toured New Zealand as a private side. The score was 7-1, the single one in favor of the "Kangaroos". Then came the triumphal march through the Fourth, Third and Second Divisions, in successive years. They miscued once in the Fourth, dropping a point, improved on this showing in the Third, but blotted their clean sheet last year by being only runners-up to South Yarra, from whom they took three points in the season. The one defeat came at the hands of White Eagles, who had accompanied them up the previous year, the extenuating circumstances being the absence of Czauderna and Zblocki on representative duty in Queensland. This season, in the First Division, they are more than holding their own in the top half, being rightly classed as one of the best teams to watch, although somewhat of an enigma, winning one week against Hakoah, and losing the next to Prahran.

Not only in the League has Polonia gained a measure of success. While in the Third Division they reached the semi-final of the Dockerty Cup before being put out by Juventus, and last year fell at the same hurdle to the eventual winners, Hakoah. It is practically the Polonia team, who, as the national side, Poland are present holders of the Laidlaw Cup. The final game was an excellent display of soccer against England, who went down 4-0.

Polonia have always possessed good reserve strength; a glance at past and present Reserve tables will show them at the top in almost every instance. In fact, it is quitue true to state that their Reserve XI, unbeaten this year, would do well in the present Second Division.

The present Club President is Mr. Bong, with past-president, Dr. Walker as Patron. They have an able Secretary in Mr. Bytomski, who has held the reins over the past four years.

The playing team is not now all-Polish, including four from elsewhere, and until recently a fifth in Schipperhyn, who has left the club, after a personal triumph in his final game against Hakoah, to play for Dutch team Wilhelmina.

Of their players it is almost unnecessary to state that Zblocki, Zakomarok and Czauderna have played for the State with distinction, and are still on the scene. Polonia will not be the League champions this season, but will be again among the favored contenders for the Dockerty Cup.

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HAVE YOU GOT YOUR TICKETS FOR THE BALL ON JUNE 23?

EDITORIAL

All communications re Soccer News must reach The Editor, V. J. M. Dixon, 2 Cowper Street, Sandringham, S.8. by first post on Monday.

League fixtures start again today after last week's break occasioned by the non-appearance of N.S.W. in Melbourne as the result of the difference of opinion regarding which days N.S.W. could play.

Last week's three Sunday International games drew big crowds, but when all is said and done it is the League and Dockerty Cup games which keep us all on our toes.

Last week was a worrying one for the Hakoah Club and "Soccer News" can only appeal to all fans who follow the Jewish team. Greatest story for any Melbourne Daily or Weekly is a "brawl" at a soccer game and rumor has it that some soccer reporters visit games only in the hope that a "brawl" will occur. Whether the rumor is correct or not by the same token if there is a brawl at a soccer game it finds the headlines.

Clubs with the biggest following are bound to have the greatest enthusiasm, and so we can only ask all followers of big teams to control their feelings to the greatest extent possible.

The Hakoah Club has a ground which belongs to a school, and although the relations between the school and Hakoah are cordial in the extreme, adverse publicity in the Press cannot but influence parents and others connected with the school, with unfortunate results to Hakoah.

The blunt fact is that Hakoah may lose their ground if the Press continues to give adverse reports regarding their club. Therefore, it is up to all followers to ensure that nothing occurs which can cause embarrassment to one of Victoria's most progressive clubs — Hakoah.

Enclosed grounds are hard enough to come by in all conscience, so let's give Hakoah a "go", eh!

V.A.S.F.A. coach, Len Young's Colts team is now taking shape and this week plays its first fixture against Slovakia (unless, as rumor says, that club has folded up). Watching Len's coaching of this team last week was an eye opener to most people. Accent on every movement was "speed", and the way these youngsters picked the idea up was worth watching. By the season's end if Len Young has not made a cracker-jack side of these Colts we "miss our guess".

Many misleading articles have recently appeared in some sections of the Press regarding professional football. Fact of the matter is that no question of professional football has even been discussed by the V.A.S.F.A. Council. Two weeks ago one member tabled a proposal regarding the formation of a professional league in writing to the Council. This has not yet been discussed owing to the short notice and will not be discussed until July. Any reports in the Press before the first Monday in July re-

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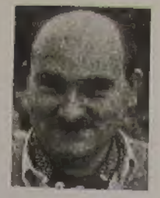

By JOHN OLIPHANT

Another Fourth Division Club has gone out of existence. This time it was Slovakia Soccer Club. I was asked by some of the secretaries of the two lower divisions the question as to who is next on the list.

Well, frankly speaking, I don't know what could or should be done to help the Third and Fourth Division Clubs to enable them to find sufficient players to field each Saturday afternoon. Moorabbin City had to field a team of only eight or nine players on more than one occasion, and there are lots of other clubs in the same plight. In my opinion the answer is not to expel them, on the contrary, we must try to invent some scheme or other by which we could help these clubs carry out their obligations.

I should like to make it clear to all concerned that I am not criticising anyone, but only trying to help to bring about a settlement satisfactory to both the Third and Fourth Divisions, and also to the League Management Committee.

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The latest moves of players include Alempijevic (J.U.S.T.) who asked for a transfer to Hakoah, also W. Copeland (J.U.S.T.) back to Juventus. Copeland played this season for a Fourth Division Club, I.C.I., then he transferred to J.U.S.T., and now he is joining Juventus once more. He has played for Juventus twice before.

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I believe that Port Vale, the newly-promoted champions of the Third Division North (English) are visiting Hong Kong this month.

Why hasn't the Australian Soccer Association invited them here? If it's a paying proposition to the Hong Kong Association then I am sure we could have had them as well. After all, we had an English eleven here and we made a financial success of it.

It seems to me that the big bosses in Sydney are quite happy with having a carnival of all States without seeing further than their noses.

A bit of a shake up on the top wouldn't come amiss.

By the way, the carnival in Adelaide cost each State a mere £500 loss.

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Anther Melbourne paper is going to have a soccer column regularly each week. It's the weekly "Listener In" and this is the first weekly paper to publish articles on soccer. The "Listener In" has a large circulation already, but I am sure the circulation of this paper will increase as people interested in soccer would also buy it. So don't forget, for the latest soccer news and for forthcoming events, buy the "Listener In", the official radio paper.

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CZAUDERNA saves for Polonia against Hakoah. Other Polonia players facing camera are: Zakomarok, Pitoni and Zblocki. Hakoah player is Balabanski. Referee Dawson.

POLONIA OFFICIALS
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POLONIA LADIES
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A TENSE MOMENT
STEVE CZAUDERNA (Polonia goalkeeper) is injured in the Polonia-Hakoah game at Heyington Oval.

THERE ARE PLAYERS and WORKERS in POLONIA

Since its inception Polonia has caught the public eye for no team has gone so far, so quickly, as the Polish club. From Fourth to First Division in four years is a record unbeaten by even Juventus or J.U.S.T., who also move rapidly.

Mainstays of the team have always been Victorian State stars Bob Zblocki at centre-half, and Steve Czauderna, in goal, who consistently have received State selection since 1951, when they played against the English team at the Melbourne Cricket Ground, as also did Steve Zakomarok, who has recently signed for them. These three players played again for Victoria in the Interstate Carnival in Melbourne two years ago, and Zblocki and Czauderna last year played against the Chinese and Queensland, and again this year in the Interstate carnival in Adelaide. With them this year was also Garncarczyk — or "Harvey" as he is more familiarly known to his team mates and friends.

B. Zblocki

Another Interstate man is Bialek, who represented Victoria against South Australia in 1951.

Mention also must be made of another newcomer this season — Pitoni — who starred with Juventus for several years, and also represented Victoria v. Queensland last year.

S. Czauderna

Polonia are also lucky to have the services of Dr. Charles Walker on the administrative side. Not only is Dr. Walker a member of the Polonia Committee, but also of the V.A.S.F.A. Council. For two years he has been a State Selector and follows the Victorian team interstate on its trips "away".

Connected with the Club for some years have been Secretary, Mr. Dachs, and President, Mr. Bonk, while Vice-President, Mr. Bytomski, needs little introduction to Victorian fans. To Team Manager, Mr. Rojewski, must go much of the credit for the team's success.

C. Walker

S. Zakomarok

No story on Polonia would be complete without mention of those tireless workers — the ladies of the Club — Mrs. Rojewski and Miss D. Vostrowska. Not an official committee, these ladies, just the same, do a great job for Polonia and are highly regarded by all hands.

The Polonia Club has not "gone through" the First Division this year as it did in previous years through the Fourth, Third and Second, but still it is in the top half — no mean record for a club which has only four years behind it.

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HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS FOR THE V.A.S.F.A. BALL?

V.A.S.F.A. BULLETIN

FOURTH DIVISION.—Slovakia Soccer Club has been expelled from the Association. Clubs who are listed to play Slovakia should treat this fixture as a bye.

REFEREES' ASSOCIATION.—The League Management Committee held a meeting with the Referees' Association on Thursday, June 10. Arising from this meeting all clubs are instructed that full protection must be given to the referee on all occasions, which may include the engaging of police for matches. Players are also expected to protect the referee in charge if occasion arises.

SLAVIA SOCCER CLUB.—All clubs please note! The new Secretary of Slavia Soccer Club is Mr. G. Bebr, 73 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda, telephone (evenings only) LA 3493.

NEW ZEALAND.—Information has been received that New Zealand will play the following matches in Melbourne:—

Wednesday, August 11 — v. Victoria.
Saturday, August 14 — v. Australia — First Test Match.
League fixtures for Saturday, August 14, will be postponed.

—S. Beaton, Secretary, V.A.S.F.A., 2 Clendon Road, Armadale, S.E.3.

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DON'T RUB IT IN

I surely echo the views of many when I say that once a player has been punished for a misdemeanour on the field, that should be the end of it. It was astonishing to hear over the air the offences committed by a player, who was named, including swearing at the referee. After all, many of these offences are committed under stress, although disciplinary action is afterwards quite rightly taken. There is such a thing as defamation of character unnecessarily.

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EDITORIAL (continued)

garding the subject should therefore be treated with the greatest reserve as should any which have already appeared.

This week sees the commencement of classes for club coaches conducted by Len Young at the Fitzroy Town Hall. This is the first of a series and when finished will be followed by others. If your club has not yet nominated anyone to attend these classes, be sure that they do so for the next series. The type of football taught by Len Young is as far ahead of the local brand as was the last War to the Napoleonic War, and clubs who do not "hop in" and take advantage of what is offering will speedily regret their folly.

The importation of an F.A. coach was not a step which was taken lightly by the V.A.S.F.A. A huge expense was involved and for one purpose only — to improve the standard of football in Victoria. The V.A.S.F.A. intends to see that this expense is not wasted, and if "your" club does not take advantage of it — it is "your" fault.

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HOME and AWAY

By REX BENSON

STILL STARS

Remember the powerful combination that came out here from England in 1951 and made every match a cake-walk? Most of them are still top-liners and three, goalkeeper Burgin, centre-half Owen, and inside-forward Sewell (who scored all seven goals for England at the M.C.G.) have been chosen by England in the large squad making the Continental tour and World Cup Series.

NO SCOREBOARD

Was asked by a stranger at Toorak Park last Saturday just after half-time, where was the scoreboard. He had barely arrived and was obviously a "Rules" follower. Like a nine-day old puppy, he soon had his eyes opened. Which reminds me that at the main Empire Stadium in Malta, the score is shown by hoisting coloured balls. Matches take place during the hours of daylight on Sunday, as pitches are hard to come by.

POPULAR VICTORY AT PRAHRAN OVAL

Having been stationed on the famous little island before being flown out on a stretcher, and thus being able to appreciate what the Islanders had withstood during the war, naturally enough I shouted them home last week, having been "relieved" of broadcasting duty. But they were mighty lucky — grit and determination won the day despite the second-half "siege" to which they were subjected.

The small crowd was very fortunate, as not only was the game a thriller to the end, but all seven goals, near misses, narrow squeaks and the like, all occurred at the popular end.

There was much checking of watches at half-time until the word went round that only 35 minutes play was allowed for each half. Very thoughtful of the Association to think of our getting home to an early tea, but where is this sort of thing going to end?

The first shot at goal by Malta brought a goal, and a good one it was despite the left-winger completely missing his kick when first trying to swing over the centre that led to the goal. The goalie had no chance, likewise with the fourth one, but the intervening goals brought forth rude comments that on such a dirty pitch he was obviously not going to risk soiling such immaculate white shorts.

As did Sherlock Holmes, Nokolic returned to the scene when all thought him lost forever, but the way he blew a kiss to his non-admirers on coming off the field made one think that this was "his last bow".

Senissen was in great form for the losers, winning most of the tackles, and feeding his forwards. He is only of average build, but the opposition

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ARE YOU GOING TO THE V.A.S.F.A. BALL ? ? ?
ROYALE —— NEXT WEDNESDAY ! ! !

The Latest SPORTING NEWS Every Day — The Age

CORNER KICKS

By KEVIN LOTT

Although South Yarra's points are far from abundant, they are determined to make an all-out effort to restore their prestige.

Recently they wrote to a Glasgow weekly advertising for young players of some ability.

They are prepared to give accommodation and employment to selected applicants.

Already South Yarra have made moves locally.

They claim to have secured the services of Koon How Chong, Malayan University student. Best centre they've had in years. Another is Hoh Su Soong, who represented the Malayan Peninsular, unfortunately studies have him tied at the moment, but "Yarra" are confident that he will be more than worth his place when he strips.

Sydney tale of Matt Macillincy, Granville team manager, who played this day for Leichhardt. During a stoppage of play Matt, standing alongside his opponent, "Bully" Hughes, said: "They tell me you're a great golfer, 'Bully'?" "Bully" looked embarrassed and replied: "Oh, just not bad."

"I'll tell you what," said Matt, "you teach me to play golf and I'll teach you to play soccer."

When you team managers think your team is at its lowest ebb, remember Longfellow's words: "The lowest ebb is the turn of the tide."

Brighton, visiting Sydney last week, were amazed at the high standard of fitness and keenness of players. Games are played at a very high speed and are maintained throughout.

Refereeing is of a very high standard, and many were heard to comment of the lack of "squealing" by players fouled.

SUGGESTIONS TO FORM

The plan to form a professional league would mean a blow to Aussie Rules. If we watch the columns by sports writers we will notice there adverse comments. From this we can form our opinion as to the success it would be. It would, of course, be a blow to amateur soccer, but as a whole soccer would become a leading sport.

The protest by two First Division Clubs over eligibility of that player has been dropped. Now I'm told that one club has called in their solicitors over the matter.

More next week.

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Our Cover

POLONIA TEAM

Pitoni, Zblocki, Capabus, Lawrie, Galecki, Piekan, Jakabowski, Czarniewicz. Front: Garncarcyzk, Terlkowski, Bialek.

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HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR TICKETS FOR THE V.A.S.F.A. BALL ? ? ?

Learn with Len Young

Soccer Coaching

The third of a series of articles by the V.A.S.F.A. Official Coach.

Last week I outlined a training session that could be used by any club (I dealt with an imaginary club "X"), on the first night of their usual two evenings per week training, and I shall now deal with the last evening of training, normally a Thursday.

Still working in groups as outlined last week, I would start the first one by repeating Tuesday's running, dribbling with a ball, and "game sprinting" for three laps of the pitch. Follow this with a sprinting exercise such as: Walk 60 yards, sprint 60 yards, — repeat 12 times — and after having completed half the number of sprints, cut the walking portion down to 30 yards. Then from there to 10 minutes with a medicine ball, using various throwing exercises, or it can be used quite well in a medicine ball game as follows:—Use part of the wooden fence enclosing the pitch, and mark out a length of 10-12 feet, a piece of string or a handkerchief can be tied round the rail to mark off the length. An imaginary line drawn vertically for a distance of 10 feet both sides of the rail from the rope or handkerchief, and there are your boundaries for the game. With an equal number of players facing each other on either side of the rail, the object of the game is to throw the medicine ball into their opponent's area, who in turn, must not let it touch the ground, otherwise they forfeit a point. Each player is allowed two serves, and he must serve to the opposite corner of his rival team's corner.

It is advisable to make a ruling that no player may stand nearer than four feet from the fence (net) to prevent any individual from merely dropping it over when throwing, and the first team to score 15 points is the winner. This game can develop into a fast and furious affair when played properly, and it is of immense value in the build-up of stamina and body control.

To complete the session — on a marked out area of approximately 8 x 6 yards — a game of soccer, which is conditioned to 1-2 kicks only. In other words, no player may take more than two kicks at a ball before passing it, and this includes the touch needed to stop the ball. If a player does take more than two kicks then his opponents gain a free kick.

It will be noticed that this period of training brings a ball into almost continuous use, and I have limited the ball games into an area in which advantage of the small light mentioned in my previous article can be taken.

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TASMANIAN NEWSLETTER

FROM BOB EASTERBROOK

With the first half of the season completed one can now take stock. Generally speaking the League has reached a very interesting stage. With last year's champions, i.e., Caledonians, topping the League with 12 points from seven games — yes! still undefeated, and as Harmsen, Metro's star inside-forward, said, in a recent broadcast: "The Scots, individually and collectively, are a most attractive soccer combine and my tip to win the championship."

South Hobart and Metro follow with the same number of games for two points less. Bohemians nurse the League bottom and have still to break their duck. Since my last report Caledonians have been successful in signing a very talented inside-left in J. Gracie, from the famous Glasgow Junior Nursery, Benburb.

Arrangements are practically complete for the visit of Hakoah to Hobart, where this talented combine will duel it out with the Caledonians for the Falkinder Shield. This will be a cracker-jack of a game and even now has caught the imagination of the fans. Messrs. Tuling and Joughlin are to be congratulated on giving such grand co-operation to the forthcoming attraction — Hakoah v. Caledonians game.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Sir—Some three years ago I first met you at an annual meeting of the Brighton Soccer Club, of which I was then a member of the committee. My reason for leaving Brighton was that my two sons became interested in raising a soccer team at their work, Astor Radio. You will, of course, be aware that this is there second year and owing to their remarkable progress this year, I am writing to you in the hope that you will give some space for appreciation in "Soccer News".

They lost the first two matches, but have won the last nine with only three goals scored against them. I'm sure you will agree that this is worth noting. You must be very satisfied with the progress of soccer in Victoria, and I congratulate you on the way in which you are doing your job. I am doing all I can to promote the game.—Yours faithfully, J. S. Wiggins.

Soccer Coaching—Continued

Even so, it would be extremely beneficial if a club could find it possible to purchase a white ball, or I have known balls to be painted with varying degrees of success. Certainly a medicine ball could quite easily be treated with white paint. I have made no mention of physical exercises in either of the two training sessions, and please don't think I have deliberately ignored them. But knowing the majority of the clubs difficulties in the lack of suitable indoor space, I purposely omitted to mention this very important part of training. Many clubs known to me make use of one of their players with experience (probably through war service) as a p.t. instructor, and this is certainly one way of covering this portion of the evening's work efficiently, so I'm passing the tip on to any club who may be interested.

Home and Away—Continued

looked very small against him. Malta must surely have one of the smallest teams ever to appear in competitive soccer. They wore the famous Arsenal pattern shirts.

Camilleri deserved the chairing off the field that he received, despite overdoing the theatricals on the occasion that he fell down and had to throw the ball behind him for a corner. He will be remembered for heading out once when in goal for Juventus against Moreland in the Dockerty Cup as much to say "Get on the attack at all costs." Juventus were a goal down with one minute to go. They equalised with the last kick and reached the final.

A Services team once took the field against a Greek XI in Athens in 1945, with last-minute instructions not to be too hard on the opposition.

They were four goals down in 10 minutes as I had good cause to remember! Wonder if Jugoslavia were in the same mood before the game!

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JUNIOR SECTION

SECRETARY'S NOTES

URGENT MEASURE.—The Junior Association makes a special appeal to all soccer followers to assist it in raising revenue to complete its programme for the season. This can be done by patronising and helping to dispose of tickets for the forthcoming broadcast programme which is being very generously conducted by Station 3XY on Tuesday, July 20. This will be one of this Station's "Raising a Husband" sessions, and will be staged at the Prahran Town Hall. Tickets will be 3/- each, and are now in the hands of the printer. Ticket Secretaries are Mr. J. Oliphant, of 225 Wattletree Road, Malvern, and Mr. J. Rickerby, of 11 Edinburgh Street, Richmond. A special prize valued at £5/5/- will be awarded to the junior or schoolboy selling the most tickets, and a prize of two brand new soccer balls will be awarded to the club selling the most tickets.

All you have to do if you desire tickets to sell for this show is to contact Mr. Oliphant or Mr. Rickerby.

LAWS OF THE GAME.—On Wednesday, July 7, at the "Sales Room", Scott's Hotel, Collins Street, Melbourne, a member of the Examination Board of the Referees' Association will give a very interesting lecture on the laws of the game, and questions will be invited from those present. All Junior and Schoolboy soccer players are invited to attend, and also team managers whose duties usually fall to refereeing their home games.

JUNIOR REFEREES' CLASS.—Applications are called for from Juniors 16 years of age and over, to take part in a Special Junior Referees' Class. All participants will eventually be put through an examination by the Examination Board of the Referees' Association, and if suitable will be used as referees for the Junior Association games both of a Saturday morning and of a Saturday afternoon. Applications are to be made to the Junior Association Secretary, J. A. Olsen, 314 Inkerman Street, East St. Kilda, S.16.

UNDER 14 AND UNDER 15 TRIALS.—The Under 14 Trials will commence at the South Melbourne ground at Middle Park, at 1.15 p.m. tomorrow, Sunday, June 20, whilst the Under 15 Trials will commence on the same ground and at the same time, on Sunday, July 3.

—J. A. OLSEN, Secretary

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ESSENDON UNDER 15

Last Saturday we suffered our second defeat for the season against Sunshine United. Essendon started off with a disgusting performance, barely managing to keep United away from goal. Sunshine's first goal was scored from an indirect free in the penalty area after what seemed a very debatable decision by the referee.

Late in the first half, as Essendon were beginning to pull themselves together, the Sunshine centre-forward broke away from the half-line, with only the goalie in that half, pursued by a not-so-fast centre-half. Suttie, Essendon's goalie, dived at the ball, missing it only by inches, and the centre-half was unable to save a scoring shot.

After the interval Essendon began to play soccer, and were rarely out of attack. Tregear sent through our only goal from a centre by Caldow, but we were very unlucky not to score more often, as when a shot bounced three times on the crossbar, only to go out.

McCullagh, in defence, and Caldow at inside-right, were two of the most consistent players for Essendon.

VICTORIAN JUNIOR NOTES

This week marked a very important milestone in the Victorian Junior ranks, for on Wednesday, June 16, Mr. Young starts his coaching course for junior coaches. I understand the first class has a good number of coaches who are anxious to learn how. This must have a bearing on the standard of the game eventually, for as all coaches know it is a very hard job to teach boys the correct way and many of us are working our own ideas not knowing whether we are right or wrong. However, these classes will give all coaches a uniform plan to work to. It is interesting to note that half the executive members are taking this course.

Brighton "A" seems to be the undisputed champions of the Under 14 and these boys are very good and also one important thing, they are nearly all big chaps, which does make a lot of difference in this age group. Brighton is a very fortunate club as they have a good number of seniors looking after these boys. Too many clubs have to rely on one man to look after juniors, and it does make a big difference. The old, old adage of Victorian soccer: "A few do all the work".

The Technical Schools have a very strong competition running, and most junior players can be found playing in these schools. Hakoah scouts were watching Brighton v. Caulfield last week. Note to Senior clubs! You will find many promising players among this competition. Why not have a look at it? It is surprising the number of boys playing on a Wednesday with their school teams who do not play on Saturdays.

There have been several complaints about coaching from the sidelines by official coaches whilst a game is in progress. Law 6 states: "Whilst the game is in progress trainers must not be allowed on field of play unless called by the referee nor must trainers or club officials be allowed to coach

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players along the boundary line." This was passed by the F.A. Council in December, 1936.

There it is, its in the rules. However, in the case of juniors, especially under 14, a little coaching from the sidelines helps more than hinders. Providing it is kept quiet and not too much I think it can be allowed. What do the readers think?—Denis Chambers.

SCHOOL SOCCER

SWINBURNE TECHNICAL SCHOOL

We began this season with only one player from last year's team so that the first task was to find a suitable combination. The side that took the field against Footscray on the opening day was, therefore, of an experimental nature and was deservedly beaten 4-0.

Wednesday (9/6/54) we travelled to Collingwood and succeeded in winning by 3-1. The first half was very even, each goal having several narrow escapes. At half-time, with the score 0-0, our forward line was re-arranged, and proved to be a great success. Three goals were scored (all by centre-forward Farley) while Collingwood replied with a single.

Maier, centre-half and captain, was a tower of strength, while Trotter, a convert from Aussie Rules, did well in goal. We feel that we have a reasonably good side and will give as much as we take.

In conclusion, we would like to thank Mr. Young, the recently-appointed V.A.S.F.A. coach, for refereeing the game and for his advice to both teams at half-time.—Johnston.

[Brief reports from schools teams are welcome for inclusion in "Soccer News".—Editor.]

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LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT JUNE 14, 1954.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Juventus	10	7	3	0	34	12	17
Hakoah	9	7	1	1	37	16	15
J.U.S.T.	9	6	2	1	32	19	14
Brighton	9	5	2	2	27	16	12
Polonia	9	3	3	3	17	13	9
Footscray City	9	4	0	5	22	32	8
Moreland	9	3	1	5	28	29	7
Prahran	10	2	1	7	16	30	5
Box Hill	10	2	0	8	21	42	4
South Yarra	10	1	1	8	15	41	3

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine City	10	8	1	1	26	10	17
George Cross	10	8	1	1	33	15	17
Yallourn	10	6	3	1	24	8	15
Park Rangers	10	6	1	3	31	22	13
South Melbourne	10	4	2	4	22	23	10
Maccabi	10	4	1	5	27	24	9
Preston	10	3	1	6	14	17	7
Geelong	10	2	3	5	17	21	7
Sunshine United	10	1	1	8	4	27	3
White Eagles	10	1	0	9	12	33	2

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Slavia	10	9	1	0	46	7	19
Hellenic	10	8	0	2	37	24	16
P.S.O.	10	7	1	2	32	18	15
Sandringham City	11	5	2	4	25	19	12
Dandenong	11	5	0	6	23	24	10
Moorabbin City	11	4	2	5	25	30	10
Williamstown	10	4	1	5	23	21	9
Fairfield	11	1	3	7	11	29	5
Frankston	11	1	3	7	15	34	5
Coburg	11	1	3	7	11	42	5

FOURTH DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Maribyrnong	11	8	3	0	36	6	19
Wilhelmina	10	8	1	1	32	9	17
Ukrainia	11	7	2	2	34	12	16
I.C.I.	1	6	2	3	31	16	14
Upper Yarra Dam	10	5	5	2	22	18	11
University	9	4	1	5	13	33	7
Heidelberg	10	3	1	6	18	42	7
Slovakia	10	3	0	7	12	32	6
Nunawading	11	1	1	9	8	28	5

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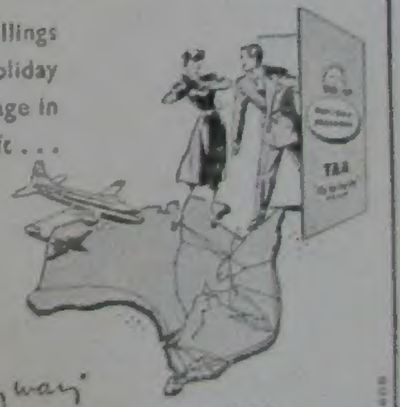

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JUNIOR LEAGUE TABLES

AS AT JUNE 14, 1954.

UNDER 20 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	8	8	0	0	36	4	16
Juventus	8	6	0	2	33	6	12
Footscray City	9	6	0	3	23	15	12
Brighton	9	6	0	3	22	18	12
Sunshine City	8	5	0	3	13	9	10
Polonia	8	4	1	3	25	14	9
Hakoah	9	4	1	4	26	18	9
Pascoe Vale	10	4	0	6	18	32	8
Box Hill	9	2	2	5	13	28	6
Preston	9	1	0	8	8	39	2
Frankston	9	0	0	9	7	40	0

UNDER 17 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton	10	10	0	0	35	7	20
Sunshine City	9	8	0	1	28	8	16
St. Kilda	9	5	1	3	14	14	11
Prahran	8	4	2	2	34	14	10
Pascoe Vale	8	4	1	3	14	17	9
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	8	3	0	5	17	23	6
Moorabbin City "A"	10	2	2	6	21	31	6
Sunshine United	8	1	2	5	7	18	4
Box Hill	9	1	2	6	6	23	4
Moorabbin City "B"	7	0	0	7	0	21	0

(In this Division, points for default have been awarded to the following teams against Moorabbin "B", a late entry into this league:—Brighton (April 24), Sunshine City (May 1), Box Hill (May 8), and St. Kilda (May 15).

UNDER 15 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Sunshine United	8	8	0	0	44	3	16
Preston	9	8	0	1	40	7	16
Essendon	9	6	1	2	32	6	13
Sunshine City	9	6	0	3	38	14	12
Box Hill	9	6	1	2	24	5	11
Pascoe Vale	9	5	0	4	11	20	10
Brighton	9	3	0	6	4	56	6
Park Rangers	8	2	1	5	7	25	5
I.C.I. (Deer Park)	8	2	0	6	3	28	4
Moorabbin City	9	0	1	8	2	41	1

UNDER 14 DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	P.
Brighton "A"	10	10	0	0	34	2	20
Box Hill "A"	10	8	0	2	56	12	16
Prahran	8	7	0	1	55	8	14
Moorabbin City	10	6	1	3	34	13	13
Sunshine City	10	5	2	3	12	21	12
Hakoah	10	4	1	5	20	25	9
Park Rangers	9	4	1	4	15	34	9
Brighton "B"	9	3	3	3	5	15	9
Sth. Melb. United	9	2	0	7	12	32	4
Fairfield	10	2	0	8	7	72	4
Box Hill "B"	8	1	0	7	3	28	2

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